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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

(ELECTIONS)

ELECTION S – BIENNIAL ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES (RAJYA SABHA), 2026 FROM TELANGANA.

[Memo No. 51/Elecs.D/2026-14, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Telangana, General Administration (Elections) Department, Dated: 25th February, 2026.]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
(Legislative Department)
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New Delhi, the 26th February, 2026
Phalguna 07, 1947 (Saka).

NOTIFICATION

S.O..... (E).—In pursuance of section 12 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the President is pleased to call upon the elected members of the Legislative Assembly of each State specified in column (2) of the table below, to elect, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and of the rules and orders made thereunder, the number of members specified against each State in column (3) of the said table, for the purpose of filling the seats of members of the Council of States whose term of office is due to expire on the date mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said table, on the expiration of their term of office: -

Table

Serial number	Name of State	No of seats to be filled	Date of expiry of term of office
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Maharashtra	7	02.04.2026
2	Odisha	4	
3	Tamil Nadu	6	
4	West Bengal	5	
5	Assam	3	09.04.2026
6	Bihar	5	
7	Chhattisgarh	2	
8	Haryana	2	
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	
10	Telangana	2	

[F.No.H.11024/1/2026-Leg.II]

AKALI V. KONGHAY,
Joint Secretary & Legislative Counsel.

C. SUDHARSAN REDDY,
Chief Electoral Officer &
E.O. Secretary to Government.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001, Dated: 26th February, 2026, Phalguna 07, 1947 (Saka) is Republished:-

NOTIFICATION

No. 318/CS-Multi/2026(1): - Whereas, the President of India has, by notification issued under Section 12 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951(43 of 1951) and published in the Gazette of India on 26th February, 2026, been pleased to call upon the elected members of each of the Legislative Assemblies of the States, specified in column (1) of the TABLE below, to elect to the Council of States, the number of member(s) specified against that State in column (2) of the said TABLE:

TABLE

S.No.	Name of State	No. of members
	(1)	(2)
1.	Maharashtra	7
2.	Odisha	4
3.	Tamil Nadu	6
4.	West Bengal	5
5.	Assam	3
6.	Bihar	5
7.	Chhattisgarh	2
8.	Haryana	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1
10.	Telangana	2

Now, therefore, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 39 and Section 56 of the said Act, the Election Commission hereby-

(A) appoints, with respect to the said election;

(a) the 05th March, 2026 (Thursday), as the last date for making nominations;

(b) the 06th March, 2026 (Friday), as the date for the scrutiny of the nominations;

(c) the 09th March, 2026 (Monday), as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures;

(d) the 16th March, 2026 (Monday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken; and

(e) the 20th March, 2026 (Friday), as the date before which the election shall be completed; and

(B) fixes the hours from 09:00 am to 04:00 pm, as the hours during which the poll shall, if necessary, be taken in all the above-mentioned States on the date specified above for the election.

By Order,

SUMAN KUMAR DAS,
Secretary to the
Election Commission of India.

C SUDHARSAN REDDY,
Chief Electoral Officer &
E.O. Secretary to Government.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001, Dated: 26th February, 2026, Phalguna 07, 1947 (Saka) is Republished:-

NOTIFICATION

No. 318/CS-Multi/2026(2): - In pursuance of Section 21, and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 22, of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the Election Commission, in consultation with the Government of each of the States, specified in the column (1) of the TABLE below, hereby-

(i) designates the officer, specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said TABLE to be the Returning Officer; and

(ii) appoints the officer(s), specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said TABLE, to be the Assistant Returning Officer(s) to assist the Returning Officer in the performance of his/her functions;

in respect of the biennial election to the Council of States, to be held in that State in pursuance of the notification of the President of India, published in the Gazette of India on 26th February, 2026: -

TABLE

States	Returning Officer	Assistant Returning Officer
(1)	(2)	(3)
Maharashtra	Dr. Vilas G. Athawale, Secretary, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat	1. Shri. Subhash S. Nalawade, Joint Secretary cum OSD, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat 2. Smt. Seema Sachin Tambe, Under Secretary, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat
Odisha	Shri Satyabrata Rout, Secretary, Odisha Legislative Assembly	Sri Bidyadhar Majhi, Joint Secretary, Odisha Legislative Assembly
Tamil Nadu	Tmt. R. Santhi, Additional Secretary, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat	Tmt. P. Thenmozhi, Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat
West Bengal	Shri Soumendra Nath Das, Principal Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly	Shri Dipankar Mondal, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly
Assam	Shri Rajib Bhattacharyya, Additional Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat	Shri Prodip Handique, OSD (Joint Secretary), Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat
Bihar	Smt. Khyati Singh, Joint Secretary-cum- Secretary-in-Charge, Bihar Legislative Assembly	Sh. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary, Bihar Legislative Assembly

Chhattisgarh	Shri Manish Sharma, Director, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly	Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Deputy Secretary, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly
Haryana	Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Haryana, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department	Sh. Gaurav Goyal, Deputy Secretary, Haryana Vidhan Sabha
Himachal Pradesh	Shri Yash Paul Sharma, Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha	Sh. Jitender Singh Kanwar, Deputy Secretary (Legislation) ,Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha
Telangana	Sri Ch. Upender Reddy, Additional Secretary, Telangana State Legislature	Sri A Sudhakar, Deputy Secretary, Telangana State Legislature

By Order,

SUMAN KUMAR DAS,
Secretary to the
Election Commission of India.

C SUDHARSAN REDDY,
Chief Electoral Officer &
E.O. Secretary to Government.

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